

National 5 French (Course Code: C830 75)

SCQF Level 5 (24 Credit Points)

Why study French?

Learning a new language allows you to connect with different people and enhance your understanding and enjoyment of other cultures.

This course provides opportunities develop your communication, language and literacy skills and aims to give you the confidence and expertise to use these skills in the classroom, in real-life contexts and in the modern working environment.

Being able to speak this widely- spoken international language will be an asset in the business world. France is currently the world's fifth largest economy and an important trading partner of the UK. French is the second most popular learned language in the world after English, and is spoken in around 30 countries including Belgium, Switzerland, Canada and many countries in central and north Africa. It is also one of the official languages of the European Union and the United Nations.

Many companies need employees who are fluent in one or more European languages. So, learning French gives you many options for your future career.

The skills you develop in French are useful in many different career areas such as travel and tourism, law, hospitality, languages, teaching and in trade and industry.

What will I study?

This course offers you the opportunity to develop detailed language skills across a range of contexts including, Society, Culture, Learning and Employability. You will develop your reading, listening, talking and writing skills in French and reflect how this relates to English. You will learn how language works and how to express information, opinions and ideas.

Topics are designed to be engaging and relevant and a variety of teaching approaches and media are used. Topics include, media and technology, future plans and careers, healthy living and environmental concerns as well as cultural based activities. You will study a wide range of different types of texts in different media. You will also learn to think critically, creatively and develop cultural awareness.

How will I be assessed?

The course is graded A-D and is assessed through two question papers (exams), a writing assignment and a talking performance.

Exams

Question Paper 1: Reading - 25% of total of total grade
 Writing - Job Application – 12.5% of total grade

Question Paper 2: Listening - 25% of total grade.

The writing assignment is worth 12.5% of total grade. You will produce a short piece of writing (120-200 words) in French on a topic of your choice. This is completed in class and sent to the SQA for marking.

The talking performance makes up 25% of the total grade. This comprises of a short presentation and conversation in French with your teacher. Your teacher marks this element of the course.

Study Materials

- [SQA Past Papers French National 5](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper French National 5 \(Writing\)](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper French National 5 \(Listening\)](#)
- [SQA Understanding Standards French](#)
- [BBC Bitesize National 5 French](#)
- [Ushare Study Resources](#)